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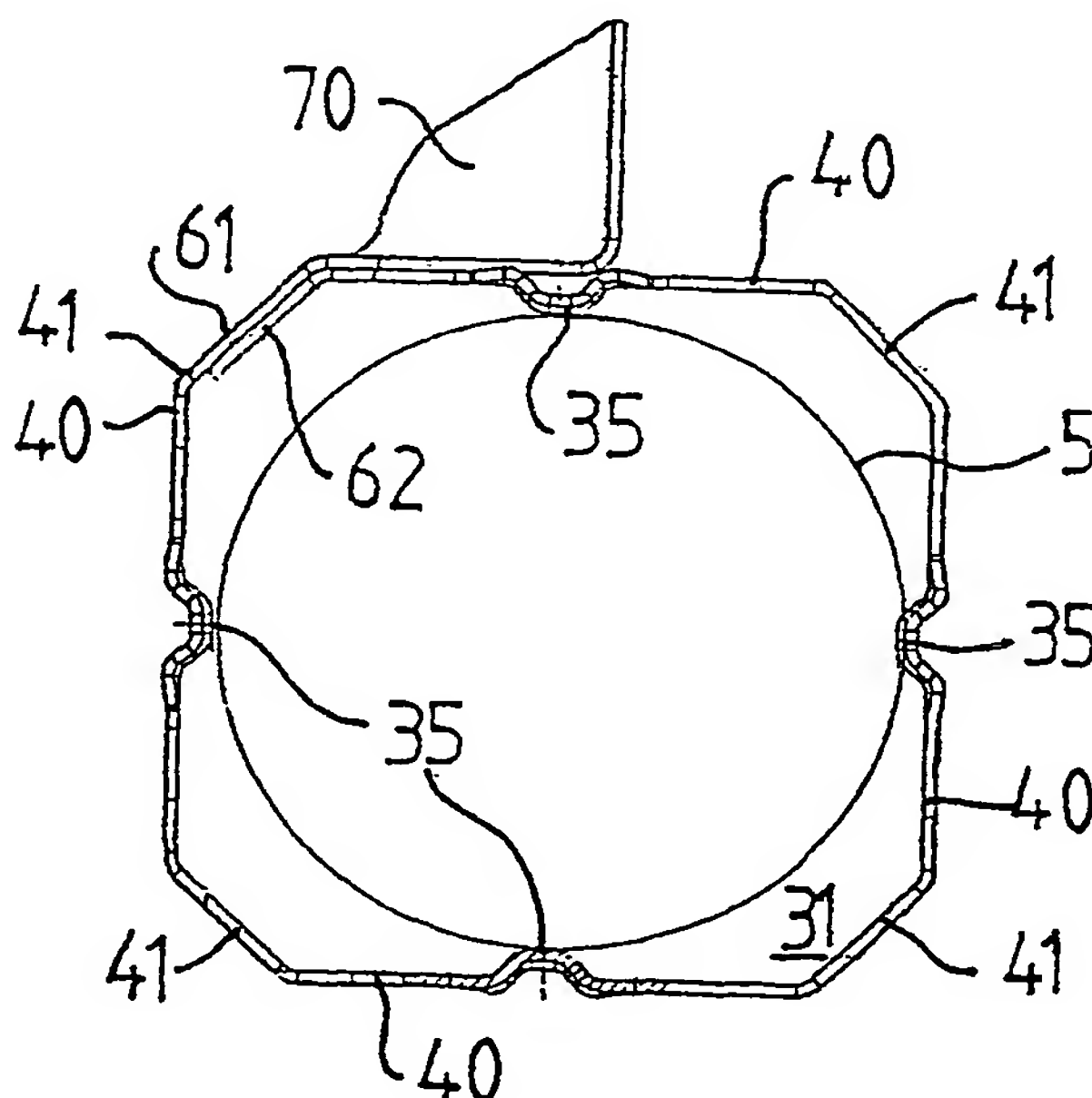
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a nuclear plant and to a fuel unit having such spacers. The  
spacer (30) encloses a number of cells (31), which each has  
a longitudinal axis and is arranged to receive a fuel rod (5)  
in such a way that the fuel rod extends in parallel with the  
longitudinal axis (x). Each cell (31) is formed by a sleeve-like  
member (32). Each sleeve-like member (32) is manufactured  
in a sheet-shaped material (60) that is bent to the sleeve-like  
shape.

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